

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 357, H.R. 2830.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk, which is the text of S. 1783 as passed by the Senate, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the Senate insist upon its amendment and request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees at a ratio of 9 to 7.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2901) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (H.R. 2830), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LOTT, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this also is a major step forward, as colleagues have been participating and watching the debate over the course of the day, to bring to conclusion another issue that has been pending. But the fact we have been able to reach this resolution today advances a very important issue—one that is time sensitive.

We had originally requested 7 to 5. As my colleagues know, the Democratic leader insisted on an 8-to-6 ratio. The 9-to-7 ratio we agreed to does allow us to have equal representation from the Finance and HELP Committees. As I repeatedly insisted, it is important we not stack the deck in favor or against either committee. Through mutual agreement, we have reached that objective.

I do have to add, it is unfortunate it took so long and we had to have so much discussion to get to conference on an issue so important to the 44 million Americans out there who right now are working in an uncertain environment as we address this defined benefits pension system.

Now is the time for our conferees to get to work, and I am confident they will be able to produce a conference report that is satisfactory to both sides of the aisle.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar Nos. 330 through 332, Calendar Nos. 334 through 350, Calendar No. 362, H.R. 4515, and H.R. 1287, all postal-naming bills, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the measures en bloc.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed, and that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WILLIAM H. EMERY POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 1445) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1445

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WILLIAM H. EMERY POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, shall be known and designated as the "William H. Emery Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "William H. Emery Post Office".

GRANT W. GREEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (S. 1792) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1792

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. GRANT W. GREEN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building".

DEWEY F. BARTLETT POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 1820) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Dewey F.

Bartlett Post Office," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1820

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEWEY F. BARTLETT POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shall be known and designated as the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office".

MALCOLM MELVILLE "MAC" LAWRENCE POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 2064) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Franceville, Indiana, as the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office", was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2064

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MALCOLM MELVILLE "MAC" LAWRENCE POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office".

HIRAM L. FONG POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (S. 2089) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2089

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. HIRAM L. FONG POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, shall be known and designated as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building".

JOHN F. WHITESIDE JOLIET POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 2113) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough

Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

JOHN J. HAINKEL POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 2346) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

LILLIAN MCKAY POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 2413) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

J.M. DIETRICH NORTHEAST ANNEX

The bill (H.R. 2630) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex," was read the third time and passed.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHPLACE POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 2894) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

JAMES GROVE FULTON MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3256) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

GAGETOWN VETERANS MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 3368) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office," was read the third time and passed.

AVA GARDNER POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 3439) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office," was read the third time and passed.

HEINZ AHLMEYER, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3548) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the "Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

STAFF SERGEANT MICHAEL SCHAFER POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3703) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the "Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

GRANT W. GREEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3770) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

CLAYTON J. SMITH MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3825) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

U.S. CLEVELAND POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3830) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

ALBERT H. QUIE POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 3989) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue Avenue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the "Albert H. Quie Post Office," was read the third time and passed.

LILLIAN KINKELLA KEIL POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 4053) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California, as the "Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office," was read the third time and passed.

RAYMOND J. SALMON POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 4152) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in

Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office," was read the third time and passed.

CORPORAL JASON L. DUNHAM POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 4515) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the "Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office," was read the third time and passed.

ROBERT T. FERGUSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 1287) designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 312 East North Avenue in Flora, Illinois, as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed.

MARYLAND STATE DELEGATE LENA K. LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING

MONT AND MARK STEPHENSEN VETERANS MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4107 and H.R. 4295 en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills (H.R. 4107 and H.R. 4295) were read the third time and passed.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 389, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 389) recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.